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## Puerto Rico Announces New Deal With PREPA Creditors, Estimates \$2.2B Savings in Debt Service for 2018 Through 2022

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Gov. Ricardo Rosselló announced this afternoon a new agreement in principle that will enhance by \$1.5 billion the terms of the restructuring support agreement with the ad hoc group of PREPA bondholders, its fuel line lenders, the monoline insurers and the Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico. The RSA has been extended to April 13 to allow for documentation of additional details. The announcement was made on behalf of the Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, or AAFAF, and the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, or PREPA. The enhancements to the RSA are being reviewed by the PROMESA oversight board, which has not yet approved the deal.

According to the press release, the Rosselló administration estimates that the enhancements to the RSA “will achieve \$2.2 billion in debt service savings for the period of 2018 through 2022 as compared to the contractual terms of the debt,” which represent “\$1.5 billion additional savings versus the existing terms of the RSA” (emphasis added). The announcement also explains that the changes to the RSA are designed to allow PREPA “to take the steps necessary to modernize its operations and implement the Administration’s energy policy, including attracting new private investment and P3 programs.” Specifically, the Rosselló administration estimates that the latest version of the RSA “will result in individual ratepayer transition charge savings of 36% for the period 2018 through 2022, representing a reduction of the average household annual electricity bill by approximately \$90 per year over the next five years.”

“The enhancements to the RSA were the result of good faith negotiations by my team and PREPA’s major creditors. I believe that the negotiated terms represent fair additional contributions by all parties to the RSA and will set PREPA on a path toward becoming a modern utility that will provide reliable power at sustainable rates to the people of Puerto Rico,” Rosselló said.

Upon taking office, Rosselló ordered his team to review the RSA and negotiate enhancements that would meet the needs of PREPA. Those negotiations resulted in the agreement in principle announced today. Elías Sánchez, the governor’s representative to the PROMESA oversight board, said that the administration is “pleased with the outcome of the negotiations and viewed it as a positive step toward implementation of the PREPA restructuring and Puerto Rico’s fiscal plan.” He emphasized that the transaction is the result of good-faith negotiations conducted between the government and the creditors, consistent with the administration’s policy of reaching consensual agreements.

“On behalf of AAFAF and the administration, I want to express my appreciation to the team and PREPA’s creditors. I believe the transaction represents the first step in the comprehensive restructuring of Puerto Rico’s debt,” added AAFAF Executive Director Gerardo Portela Franco.

The deal comes after the previous PREPA RSA had been through 16 extensions since first being reached in late 2015.

The Rosselló administration's attempts to [improve](#) terms under the RSA drew the attention of Congress last month when a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee with jurisdiction over Puerto Rico held a [hearing](#) on the RSA last month. Its chairman, U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Calif., [urged](#) Rosselló to approve the RSA that had been agreed to and warned of the consequences of letting the deal unravel.

The announcement of the PREPA deal comes as Puerto Rico begins broader debt talks with its other bondholders in an attempt to reach voluntary restructuring deals before the May 1 expiration of the PROMESA litigation stay.

A meeting with creditors has been set for today in New York to discuss [Puerto Rico’s board certified fiscal plan](#), which has been broadly criticized by creditors, according to sources familiar with the matter. The commonwealth has also set a voluntary [mediation](#) process for April 13 and April 14, according to several sources.

AAFAF was assisted in the negotiations by Rothschild as financial advisor, Bank of America Merrill Lynch as investment banker and Greenberg Traurig as legal advisor.

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